

No. 8178. Equity.

A. He certainly did.

Q. Have you ever heard of the claim of absolute ownership of that property, by your mother, and by her heirs after her death and those claiming under since they sold it, being disputed by any one.

A. I never have.

Q. What would you say as to whether the possession and ownership - claim to ownership - of this property by all of these persons including your mother, was open and notorious or otherwise?

A. It was open and notorious so far as I know nobody ever doubted that my mother owned it, and that we had a right to convey it after her death, after that it went along in the regular way.

Q. (By the Commissioner), Do you know, or can you set forth, any other matter or thing which may be a benefit or advantage to the parties at issue in this case, or either of them, or that may be material to the subject of this your examination, or the matters in question in this case, if you set forth the same fully and at large in your answer.

A. No.

John S. Gott.

Subscribed before me this 15th day of June.

1908.

John Williams

John F. Edgier.

Commissioners.

Whereupon

N. C. L. Smith.

A witness of competent age called for and on behalf of the Complainant, being first duly sworn according to law, to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth touching the matters in issue in said cause, deposes and says:-

I am one of the Attorneys in this case for the plaintiff, Gordon Strong, being associated with Messrs Honer and Honer of Fresno.

I collected the data namely, the family history detailed in this case largely through Mr. Gott, the witness who has furnished me. I made diligent effort to secure the names and addresses of the children or other descendants of Harriet Brown, but without success.

An attorney for Mr. Strong in this case I have had a number of interviews with the purchaser of this property, and he admits to me that he entered into the contract referred to in the bill, in fact I know that he drew the contract himself, but he declares his unwillingness